

CHARITON COURIER.

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Democratic County Ticket.

For Representative,
HON. J. W. DAVIS.

For Prosecuting Attorney,
J. A. COLLET.

For Sheriff,
J. R. DEMPSEY.

For Treasurer,
JOHN KNAPPENBERGER.

For Judge County Court--Eastern
District,
HENRY HAYES.

For Judge County Court--Western
District,
CHAS. E. ALLEN.

For Surveyor,
A. F. ARRINGTON.

For Public Administrator,
THOS. E. MACKAY.

For Coroner,
DR. G. M. DEWEY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CONGRESSMAN.

We are authorized to announce
JUDGE W. W. RUCKER,
of Chariton County, as a candidate for Congress in this (the Second) Congressional District, subject to the congressional nominating convention of the Democratic party.

THE supreme lodge of the Knights of Honor, in session at Louisville this week, donated \$1,000 to the members of the lodge in East St. Louis, who were sufferers by the late tornado.

THE grand jury at Nevada indicted John and Alvah Blair, father and son, for murder in the first degree for killing Henry Anthony on the streets June 1st. Both pleaded not guilty and were remanded to jail to await trial.

THE Milan *Standard* last week in endorsing Judge Rucker for congress says: "He would make an admirable congressman and we are satisfied that his candidacy will meet the hearty endorsement of the Democratic party of this county."

LAWYERS LIMEIRD and PORTER fought in the circuit court at St. Joseph last Friday, breaking chairs and furniture. Jackson Everette, a spectator, was badly cut by a glass thrown by one of the lawyers. He was worse hurt than either of the belligerents.

It looks like Hon. C. F. Cochran, of St. Jo, will be chosen by the Democrats of the 4th district as their candidate for congress this year. He is a staunch Democrat of the free silver coinage 16, to 1, persuasion. He is the able editor of the St. Jo *Gazette* which has done much to aid the silver cause in Northwest Missouri.

PROF. BADEN's plan to destroy cyclones by shooting them with a dynamite bomb may be all right, but most of us would prefer being somewhere else when the cyclone comes. In other words, we would prefer that Prof. Baden be there to do the "shooting." We would rather attempt to shoot a thousand acres of wild animals than one cyclone.

We believe the right thing to do by the Democratic congressional committee, of the Second district, would be to change the date for holding the nominating convention. There is no use keeping up the worry of the candidates and the people until September 8th to know who shall be our nominee. Everybody, we believe, would like to get the matter off of hands as soon as possible. The committee should meet at once and fix an earlier date.

It is a significant fact that all the negro delegates to the St. Louis convention favor the gold-standard declaration in the national platform, while some of "the poor white trash" have a very different notion on the subject. We have always thought that next to a good "watermelon" our colored friend and brother loved silver money best. In his desire to be honest he has been bamboozled into the idea that a silver dollar is only worth 50 cents, hence his opposition to it as standard money. He will continue, however, to have a money that "jingles" in his pocket, but if he thinks the adoption of a gold-standard will ever put enough gold into his pocket at one time to jingle he will find his mistake later on.

EVERYBODY except Grover Cleveland seems to be satisfied that the Chicago convention will adopt a bimetallic platform favoring the free coinage of both gold and silver at a ratio of 16 to 1. He is slow to believe that he is not the dictator of the Democratic party, and as he has never given his consent to the adoption of any other than a single gold-standard platform, he doesn't believe that the Chicago convention will do otherwise than carry out his wishes.

SILVER men in Minnesota did better in the election of delegates to the Chicago convention than was expected. It had been pretty well conceded that Minnesota would send a gold delegation, which is only true in part. There were 323 out of 749 delegates in the state convention for silver, and six out of 18 delegates elected to the Chicago convention are for silver, and they will vote that way in adopting a platform and nominating a candidate for president, as they are not confined to the unit rule.

THE Kansas City Gillis opera house gave the brand new American melo drama, the Meek's murder, one night last week before a large house. In the play Bill Taylor is made much the worse of the two, showing a kind of hypnotic influence over George. The play starts off in the bank at Browning where the murder first had its conception. Scene 2nd was the Meeks home. Scene 3rd, Arkansas, with a camp-fire in the foreground. The 4th and last scene was the Carroll county jail, Bill sawing at his bars and George lamenting his misdeeds.

THE *Post-Dispatch* estimates the number of people outside the city of St. Louis attending the Republican convention at 100,000 and that 25,000 more will come in from near by points and remain a day or so. That these 100,000 people will spend on an average while in the city \$20, each, thereby putting \$2,000,000 in circulation in the city as a result of holding the convention. It may be reasonably supposed that a large per centage of this is profit to hotel-keepers and others with whom the visitors have to deal. No wonder, then, our large cities can afford to pay a large bonus for the holding of such conventions.

AMONG the visitors to the St. Louis convention this week is Henry George, of New York, the apostle of the single tax idea in this country. He is not a delegate, but comes as a newspaper representative. In an interview with a *Post-Dispatch* reporter, Mr. George said: "This would be the greatest campaign since the election of Lincoln in 1860, as the people had gotten tired of fighting for spoils, and that the fight would now be for principle. Presumably the gold and silver issue was of the greatest importance to the successful conception and continuation of economic government."

CHARLES H. FRANCES, who has of late resided in Chillicothe is the son of a delegate to the St. Louis convention from Tennessee. The son went to St. Louis to attend the convention and was having a good time. Right in the midst of his merry-making he had a call from an Iowa official who informed him that he was wanted at Ottumwa to answer a charge of embezzlement. It seems that some surety company was on the young man's bond and that he was short in his accounts with his employers, and for that reason his sureties had him arrested. Since his crooked transaction in Iowa he had taken up his abode in Chillicothe. The officers took him to Ottumwa, where his case will be looked into.

THE present congress during its late session decided 13 election contests against Democratic members, who held certificates of election from their respective states. Most of the contestees held the seat until near the close of the session. A majority of a legislative body are usually very partisan in their feelings and will generally vote to advance the interests of their party regardless of law, justice or anything else that is good. There is a good reason, just now, the average Republican congressman thinks, for unseating every Democratic congressman against whom there is the slightest cause for contest. There is a possibility that the election of a president will be left to the lower house of congress, in which event it is important that there should be a majority of Republicans in that body.

THE Macon county Democrats met in convention at Macon last Monday and elected delegates to the state and district conventions. A dispatch was sent from Macon to the St. Louis papers, which said that a majority of the delegates to the state nominating convention were favorable to ex-Senator Ball's candidacy for governor and that the remainder were divided between Waddell and Hockaday, but Tom Bradbury, a clerk in Stephens' office at Jefferson City, was at Macon at the time of the convention working in Stephens' interest. He denies the statement as sent out concerning the choice of the delegates for governor. Says six out of the seven are for Stephens and were selected by Stephens' friends.

THE gathering of the Republican hosts in St. Louis last Sunday suggested a theme to several of the city pastors for discussion before their congregation at the morning service—"Morality in Politics." This was a good subject and followed to its legitimate conclusion would have led the pastors to have given the gold-bugs a merciless scoring for the demonetization of silver and the woes and financial distress they have brought upon a large per cent. of the American people in so doing. There is not a money king in the land to-day that has practiced the golden rule in his advocacy of the continuation of the single gold standard. He has not done, nor is he doing, to the laboring classes as he would have them do unto him in case their conditions were reversed.

THE triumph of the old apostle of Republicanism in Missouri, Chauncey Ives Filley, accorded to him at the late state Republican convention over Kerens and others who dared oppose his schemes, was temporary. Mr. Filley was very desirous of ousting Kerens from membership in the national Republican committee and of getting the place himself. He also wanted to be chairman of the Missouri delegation in the national convention. But when the Missouri delegation assembled in St. Louis last Monday, they re-elected Kerens as a member of the national Republican committee and chose Major William Warner as chairman of the Missouri delegation. Filley's enemies have been too much for "de old man" this time, but it may be that he is like the cat with nine lives—he will come at them again.

SOME electioneers in the interests of Ex-Senator Ball for governor, have, very unwisely, as we think, sent out circular letters asking endorsement of Ball's candidacy as against Stephens on the ground that he (Stephens) can't make a speech. Speech-making has not been Lon V. Stephens' business in life, as is the case with our lawyer candidates who have studied oratory as a fine art. Besides we think the gentlemen who speak thus of Lon V. Stephens are not posted as to what he can do. The people remember the speech made by him at the 4th of July celebration at Rocheport last year right in the beginning of the silver-gold fight. That speech for clearness and simplicity has not been excelled by subsequent efforts by others of which we have any knowledge. Granting that Stephens can't speak, all admit that he is a good writer and these qualities are essential in the make-up of all safe and competent men.

THE Prohibition party in the United States in 1892 polled 270,849 votes for Bidwell, their candidate for president. This year they met in national convention at Pittsburg, fell out over the silver and gold question and as a result of their quarrel put two tickets in the field. One branch of the party nominated Joshua P. Loring, of Maryland, for president and Hale Johnson, of Indiana, for vice-president. The silver wing of the party, who are called seceders, nominated Charles E. Bentley, of Nebraska, for president and J. H. Southgate, of North Carolina, for vice-president. Bidwell failed to carry a single state in 1892, but we suppose that was no surprise to any one. And now it occurs to us that instead of dividing their forces at Pittsburg it would have been better for their party and the cause which they represent to have disbanded, and returned to their first political loves or to some party of their choice in which there is a possibility to work a reformation upon temperance lines. There are thousands of men in the United States who have a disposition to help the Prohibition cause that will never join a third party to do so.

THE Milan *Standard* says the Democrats, of Sullivan county, are dissatisfied with the action of the congressional committee in fixing the time for holding the congressional convention as late as September. We have no doubt that the Democrats of every county in the district are as much dissatisfied with this late date as are the Sullivan brethren. We have heard no reasonable excuse for the action of the committee itself nor from any one else in its behalf. Nearly all the delegates to that convention will be chosen in this month and we can see no good reason why the nomination for congress in this district should be withheld for two months after the president has been nominated.

SOME dyspeptic, white-livered individual, who has neither the courage nor manhood to come out over his own signature, has been trying to kick up a row with the honorable county court for not having apportioned more than sets on the \$100 valuation of taxable property for township purposes. This dyspeptic individual, with a white liver, has called upon the *Courier* to explain why the court has not provided more liberally for township organization, but until the aforesaid dyspeptic individual, with a white liver, comes out over his own signature, instead of hiding his light (?) behind a *nom de plume*, we shall decline to enter into a controversy with him or to impart the information of which he, she or it is so woefully in need. Of course we don't know who the sore-head is, but we'll bet a pickle to a penny that if "it" were to run on "its" own merits, "it" couldn't be elected mouse-trap inspector of any township in Chariton county.

We believe the curators of Central college did the right thing when they elected Tyson S. Dines to the presidency of that grand old institution of learning. The president-elect is a native of Missouri, and a graduate of the college which he is to serve. He is a broad-minded man, possessed of a large degree of magnetism. He is a good mixer, without familiarity. As a disciplinarian, he will be mild, yet firm. His general make-up is of that kind that will endear him to every student under his charge. Everyone connected with his school, either as a student or member of the faculty, will look upon the president as his friend.

FINANCIALLY we have no idea that the salary paid him will near equal the emolument which came to him in Denver from his law practice, but in his new relation he will be of more service to his fellowmen and his church than in the practice of law. His Missouri friends have sent him a great many congratulatory letters concerning his election to the presidency of Central college, all of which go to show the high estimation in which he is held in his native state. We predict a large increase in the patronage of the college under his management.

Chariton County's Claims.

Chariton county, at the Democratic congressional convention in September, will present her claims by asking that Judge W. W. Rucker be nominated.

There seems to be a sentiment that Judge Rucker is the strongest of the four men in the race for the nomination. There is a sentiment that he is ably equipped in statesmanship to represent the Second district in a manner reflecting credit upon the party, the district and himself.

Chariton county Democracy claims that by right her favorite son should be nominated over the other gentlemen seeking that honor because of the fact that Monroe, Carroll and Livingston have all been honored since Chariton has.

The Chariton county friends of Judge Rucker also say that Monroe county will be honored by the nomination of Frank Fitts for state treasurer, without opposition, and that Monroe is also asking for the nomination of Judge Brace for the supreme bench.

But aside from what Chariton county believes is her dues, she believes she has one of the most worthy candidates at this particular time to be found in Missouri. Judge Rucker, as is generally known throughout the district and the state, is one of nature's noblemen. He is of that chivalrous type of men only produced where they are born in Virginia or Kentucky and reared in Missouri, he

being a Virginian by birth. He is popular with all classes. He is just as pleasant to the mechanic, the farmer or the artisan, as he is to the banker, the lawyer or the editor. He makes warm friends wherever he goes, and making them, holds them, reminding one much of the affable ways of the lamented Colonel Mansur. On the all important issue just now before the country, Judge Rucker is next in line, a 16 to 1 advocate. In other words, he is right with the people. We do not know what strength Judge Rucker will show in Linn county, but we do know his friends are legion and there is much enthusiasm for him throughout Linn. —*Brookfield Argus*.

Stephens for Governor.

AFTER looking over the field for an available candidate for governor, we have reached the conclusion that Lon V. Stephens is the man for the Democrats to nominate for chief executive of the great state of Missouri. In the first place he is a clean man. The state never had a better or more competent official than he has proven himself to be. Another reason as to why he ought to have the nomination is that he is in full accord with his party in this state on the financial issue. His "Silver Nuggets," published in many of the papers of Missouri, have done as much to educate the people and assist them in reaching proper conclusions as any other agency that has been at work looking to the remonetization of silver. Mr. Stephens has been bold and outspoken in his views from the very beginning of the struggle. He has had the courage of his convictions and has dared to express them. He has not waited for the popular side of the question to be developed by others, but he was among the first Democrats of this state to go to work with the view of saving the state from the plutocratic grasp of Wall street and its satellites or whatever name or order. It is said, and said truly, that Mr. Bland is the logical free silver Democratic candidate for the presidency. By the same parity of reasoning, Lon V. Stephens is the logical candidate for governor.

To show the estimation in which Mr. Stephens is held by the press of the state we have but to refer to the following Democratic papers that favor his nomination:

Brookfield Argus, *Waverly Times*, *Johnson County Star*, *Troy Free Press*, *Wayne County Banner*, *Centralia Courier*, *Sturgeon Leader*, *Conway Record*, *Versailles Leader*, *St. Francis Herald*, *Fayette Democrat-Banner*, *Independence Sentinel*, *Western Chronicle*, *Cooper County Mail*, *Franklin News-Echo*, *Fayette Leader*, *Saline County Democrat-News*, *Hartsville Press*, *Rocheport Commercial*, *Boonville Advertiser*, *California Democrat*, *Brunswick Branswicker*, *Franklin County Observer*, *Cape Girardeau Cash Book*, *Monroe City Democrat*, *Moberly Democrat*, *St. Joseph Daily News* and many others.

HE WILL BE A DEMOCRAT.

THE Democrats can have but one answer to the extraordinary proposition of the Republicans of the silver states, that Senator Teller be nominated by the Chicago convention.

The Democracy can discover no reason for going outside of its own ranks to select a leader of the party on a free silver coinage platform. Not only would it be a gross act of injustice to Democrats who have led the party's fight for silver, but it would be an act of impropriety and weakness which no great party could afford to commit.

Should the Chicago convention declare for silver coinage at a ratio of 16 to 1 the battle for this policy must be fought by the Democratic party under Democratic leadership. Democrats would be justified in resenting the surrender of the command with the contingent honors of the victory to a Republican whose party repudiates silver and whose part in the fight is that of an ally.

Senator Teller and his friends can not honorably ask the Democrats to weakly delegate the most important act of a great critical campaign in order to get the support of the silver Republicans. If they are sincere in their devotion to silver it is their place to offer their services to the Democrats as fighters in the ranks. If they think more of silver than they do of protecting the rights of the Republican party, it is incumbent upon them to attach themselves to the party which makes silver the paramount issue and to accept its leadership.

Democrats will gladly welcome the aid of the silver Republicans, but they can not and should not submit to dictation, either as to platform or presidential candidate. To do so would be ruinous to the cause of Democracy, which will be the cause of free silver.

Predictions of the nomination of Teller or any other bolting Republican at Chicago are idle talk. The nominee of the Democratic convention will be a Democrat.—*Republic*.

Dockery's Speech.

Just before the adjournment of congress Mr. Dockery, of Missouri, made a speech on the contraction of the currency in which he made some startling disclosures if it were possible to startle men who are set in their ways to do evil, regardless of consequences and to rule or ruin in all the transactions of life in which they are called to take part.

One fact shown by Mr. Dockery is that the policy of issuing bonds to maintain a gold reserve works a large contraction in the circulating medium. Between July 1st, 1894, and July 1st, 1896, the increase in the borrowed surplus in the treasury was \$149,608,773.70. In that time the actual decrease in the volume of money in active circulation was \$149,476,949.

Mr. Dockery's figures almost tally to prove that the gold-standard and gold policy not only taxes the people for principal and interest of great bond issues, but takes out of circulation large sums of money to be withdrawn for export by speculating gold and bond jobbers. Reduced to exact figures, the reduction in the per capita circulation during that period was from \$24.30 to \$21.35.

Mr. Dockery's figures show that on July 1st, 1890, the treasury surplus was \$245,612,464. A year later this had been reduced to \$153,893,809. On July 1st, 1892, the surplus went down to \$126,692,377. Within six months following the Harrison administration was on the point of issuing bonds to keep the gold reserve at \$100,000,000 as the law required.

What is the logical conclusion as to this showing made by Mr. Dockery? It is simply this: A high tariff and a gold-standard do not maintain a gold reserve. And as the *Post-Dispatch* justly says: "The Harrison reserve vanished under the McKinley law."

We say further that a gold-standard was in vogue during this lessening of the reserve in the treasury, from which it may be reasonably inferred that a gold reserve or a gold-standard cannot be maintained without twice robbing the people. It increases their debt and gives them less money to pay their debts with.

Republican Convention.

THE national Republican convention assembled in St. Louis last Tuesday. The national committee selected Fairbanks, an Indiana delegate, as temporary chairman. He made a short talk about sound money and protection, after which committees were appointed and the convention adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday, having been in session 90 minutes.

The convention was called to order at 11 o'clock Wednesday forenoon instead of 10 o'clock, the time announced. Delegate Thurston, of Nebraska, was made permanent chairman. The committees on resolutions and credentials were not ready to report, and it was decided to install the permanent offices of the convention, which was done over the protest of delegates who wanted some show of fairness. Mr. Thurston made his speech, after which the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

While these things were going on in the convention there were stirring times in the committee on resolutions. Senators Cannon, of Utah, and Teller, of Colorado, had, in eloquent terms, pleaded for silver recognition in the platform, Senator Cannon going so far as to shed copious tears at the thought of disrupting the party in the West because of the degradation of the white metal as proposed by the gold-bugs of their party. But their eloquence and earnestness was of no avail. The majority were set in the ways of Wall street plutocrats, whose servants they are. The sequel has not yet been reached, at least we have not been informed if it has, but it is positively asserted that a straight-out single gold standard platform will be adopted, and there is a strong probability that the silver men will walk out of the convention.

There seems to be no doubt that McKinley will be the nominee for president.